

## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Water Resources Program

October 10, 2013

Mr. James Threet James Threet Farm 2201 Livingston Highway Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Mr. Threet,

I recently reviewed your application for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) permit coverage for your farm. This letter is to inform you that some issues need to be resolved before I can approve your Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) as required to issue your CAFO permit. Essentially I need to receive the following items or information:

- 1) Please verify in which county/counties the operation/fields accepting litter are located. The Notice of Intent (NOI) states Fentress County; however, the facility description on Page 4 states the operation is in Pickett County.
- 2) Please provide additional information regarding the composting portion of your operation. On Page 12, Section 2.3, the maximum days of storage in the LSS1/Compost, LSS2, and LSS3 is blank. This is somewhat confusing in that Page 13, Section 2.5 indicates that normal mortalities will be composted with litter from barns (in LSS1/Compost). If dead birds are to be composted with litter, it will need to be stored for weeks to months to ensure adequate breakdown of the carcasses. Please explain why this portion of the table was blank.

Once each item above is addressed, you will have submitted all required elements of a CAFO permit application. Pending approval, a notice will be sent to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) who will then issue the permit.

Assistance is available at your local Extension office and NRCS office. If you have additional questions regarding permit requirements or how to fulfill them, please feel free to contact me at (615) 837-5492 or Heidi.McIntyre-Wilkinson@tn.gov. Thank you for your cooperation in this permitting process.

Sincerely.

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